ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received notices of certain adjournment motions. The first one from Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar reads.

> "I intend to move a motion for the adjournment of the business of this House for the purpose of discussing a matter of recent urgent public importance, namely, the alarming situation created by the loss of bodily weight of the political prisoners in the Central Jail and by their diseased condition."

I wish to know whether the honourable member has the leave of the House to make this motion.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry cum Peermade*): Sir, I object.

(The sense of the House was ascertained and Mr. Narayanaperumal Nadar alone stood for the motion.

Leave was refused.

PRESIDENT: The next motion reads thus:

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance viz., the serious situation arising from the unauthorised inclusion of cocoanut trees which are not expected to live for 12 years from the date of counting, on account of cocoanut post against definite provisions in the Rules, for purposes of assessment in the Thekkey Kara Pakuthy of the Poonjar Edavaga, and the consequent hardship and unrest caused among the thousands of Kudiyans in that Pakuthy.'

A long statement also is appended by the member in regard to this matter. I should like to know how the honourable member, Mr. Sivarama Pillai wishes to bring this motion within the rules regarding the admissibility of adjournment motions.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Sir, the people in those parts are put to a lot of trouble. The pattas will be given either on the 28th or 29th of this month. Unless something is done earlier in regard to this matter the Kudiyans there will be subjected to great hardship. It is with that object, I have tabled this motion.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid I must disallow this motion. The matter will receive administrative consideration.

The next motion is from Mr. P. Narayana Pillai. It reads:

> "That the business of the Assembly be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance namely, the immediate necessity of granting a remission of fifty per cent of the Land Revenue for the year 1115 to all agriculturists in the State due to the hardship caused by the continuance of the economic depression and the failure of crops."

This does not relate to a matter of recent occurrence. This is a matter which will have to be discussed on different platforms and in a different manner than by means of an adjournment motion. Moreover,

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the position is this. The honourable member has complte liberty of putting forward his case in the course of these discussions. The honourable members who make motions for adjournment of the business of the House during the time of the Budget will have to remember that except when the motions are of such crucial and fundamental importance, other members too have an opportunity for mentioning their points of view at the time of the general discussion as well as during the moving of cut motions. I trust that will be borne in view by the honourable members. So, I rule the motion out of order not on the ground that it is not of paramount importance but, it is neither 'recent' nor 'urgent'.

Another matter is, I have got a notice signed by about five honourable members of this House desiring that item No 13 in the Demands for Grants be taken up immediately after Demand No. VIII. The point is that the Inspector General of Police as the trustee of an institution is interested in certain forthcoming religious celebrations He has to be away from the State for about three days in that connexion. But every attempt will be made to allow a full discussion on the Police Demand. If that is what the honourable members have in mind, every attempt will be made to secure the fullest possible discussion and the earliest possible date will be given to that Department.

There is one more matter which I have to mention. I find that a newspaper published in Madras has stated that contrary to usual custom, the Press was not supplied with a copy of the Budget. I should like to know what really happened on that matter?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, the fact was that, at the Joint sitting, by the time the proceedings began, all the copies of the Preliminary edition of the Budget had not arrived from the Government Press. It was really the intention and the desire of the staff concerned to see that the honourable representatives of the Press were also put in possession of the copies. I may, on behalf of Government, assure them that it was far from the intention of Government to treat them with any discourtesy or disrespect.

PRESIDENT: In reinforcing the assurance of the Financial Secretary, I wish to say emphatically that, no discourtesy to the Press was intended. But by reason of what took place certain practical difficulties have arisen in the matter. I suppose, because the budget was not supplied to the press, inaccuracies in Press Reports have crept in. A newspaper referred under the heading "From our own corresponden" speaks of the revenues of the State as nearly Rs. two crores. Such gross under statements and inaccuracies might not have taken place if the budget copy had been given early to the Press. I trust the Press will also take more care about such matters. This kind of supplying information haphazard is bound to give a wrong impression to the public at large. I am sure it was not done intentionally, but I trust that such inaccuracies from general or special correspondents will not recur.

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